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KARLA PRETORIUS WINS GLOBAL WOMAN IN SPORT ACCOLADE AT 2020 G-SPORT AWARDS

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) takes this opportunity to congratulate Karla Pretorius – a Free State-born international netball star – on winning the Global Woman in Sport award at the 2020 edition of the Momentum G-Sport Awards held on 31 August 2020. This new award seeks to honour a woman, who is impacting sport globally, and going the extra mile to put women's sport on the map internationally.

Karla is an alumnus of the University of the Free State and a former Free State Crinums player who was part of the Crinums winning streak in 2014 – 2016. At the 2019 Netball World Cup she was also honored as the Player of the Tournament. She has many other awards under her belt including being honored with the Sportswoman of the Year award and the Sports Star of the Year at the 2019 Free State Sport Awards. Karla is currently playing for the South African SPAR Proteas National Team and the Sunshine Coast Lightning in the Australian Super Netball League, and has won back-to-back premierships with the Club in 2017 and 2018. She is the first South African to feature in the Super Netball League.

Congratulating Karla on her award, the Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa stated, "The Free State Sport Science Institute and the Free State Academy of Sport support the Free State Crinums through professional services and programmes and we are immensely proud to associate with the likes of Karla Pretorius who has shown perseverance and hard work throughout her netball career. We look forward to developing many other athletes of Karla's caliber through our various sport

intitutions. Congratulations once more to Karla for flying the Free State flag internationally.”

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